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The Director of Central Intelligence

Assistant Director, Office of Collection &
Dissemination
Adequacy Survey of the CIG Daily & Weekly
Summaries

1. All officials who receive the CIG Daily and Weekly Summaries, or representatives of these officials, have been interviewed in order to ascertain their reaction to the summaries and to obtain any suggestions they may have regarding possible improvements.
2. All persons interviewed (with the exception of a representative of the Director of Intelligence, WDGE) consider both summaries a valuable service. The representative of the Director of Intelligence considers the Weekly Summaries as excellent but says the Daily Summaries serve no useful purpose to his office, inasmuch as the Intelligence Division reviews all the source dispatches anyway.
3. Most of the persons interviewed commented that they are very well pleased with the conciseness, the general style and the selectivity of the items in the Daily Summaries. A few persons consider that the Daily Summaries sometimes contain items which are not of outstanding importance. Further, some comment was made that the Weekly Summaries occasionally contain articles that are too lengthy and not of sufficient importance to warrant the time required for reading. In general, however, comment on the Weekly Summaries was very favorable.
4. Some persons commented on the CIG Special Reports and all were highly complimentary.
5. Copies of this memorandum and inclosures are being sent to the Assistant Director, OR&E for consideration and such action as may be deemed appropriate, and to the Assistant Director, ICAPS for information.
6. In fulfilling the normal functions of this office, additional surveys on this subject will be conducted at a later date.

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Assistant Director for
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SYNOPSIS OF SALIENT COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS
AND SOURCES THEREOF

1. The Daily Summary should be divided into two parts, viz. one section containing the more momentous items and the other section containing items which, while not of outstanding immediate importance, are deemed worthy of being included in the summary because they have a significant bearing on trends. (Office, DCNO (Operations)).

2. Some of the highly important items should be developed a little more fully, e.g. by giving the background or setting of a reported situation. (Office, SA-E).

3. The Daily Summaries contain isolated items of information which are not oriented toward anything. (Office of AC/AS-2; Office of DCNO (Operations)).

4. There is no continuity in the items as reported. Continuity might be achieved by giving a brief summary of a preceding message on the same topic or by showing developments in the Weekly Summary. (Office, DCNO (Operations)).

5. It might be well to comment in the summaries on how an item of information fits in with information previously received; also, in appropriate cases to furnish some data on an individual who is the subject of an item. (AC/AS-2).

6. Occasionally, but very infrequently, the cardinal point in a dispatch is somewhat obscured in the brief summary. This may be due to the CIG briefers not being fully familiar with the entire chain of dispatches. (Office, DCNO (Operations); Office of Naval Intelligence).

7. Some articles in the Weekly are too lengthy. It might be well to give a two or three sentence synopsis of each individual article at the beginning thereof so that individual readers might be better able to tell at a glance whether they should take the time to read it. (Office of Naval Intelligence; Office, AC/AS-6).

8. The Weekly Summaries are almost exclusively concerned with Communist trends or developments. Reader interest would improve if some other types of information were included therein. (Office, SA-E).

9. The selectivity of items has improved constantly. (Office of Secretary of State).

10. Sometimes the CIG Daily Summaries make information available to the State Department sooner than it is made available through normal State Department channels. (Office of Secretary of State).

11. CIG briefers, because of their comparative lack of the particular experience required, are not as well qualified as State Department briefers in determining the weight to be given information furnished by various State

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Department sources. Because of their long experience with certain sources, the State Department may discount, to a greater or less degree, reports received from these sources. (Office of Secretary of State).

12. It appears that the concept of the Summaries has changed somewhat since their beginning. Originally they were intended primarily to keep the President informed and secondarily for the information of the Secretaries of State, War and Navy. Now, in view of the dissemination given to the summaries, it seems that they are designed as much for the information of planners as for the President's information. This comment was made by the Aide to Admiral Leahy. It was not based on any observation of a change in substance or style but entirely on the distribution factor. The Aide does not object to the present distribution but believes it should not be extended further.

13. Some abbreviations appearing in the summaries are unfamiliar to the readers. For example, Admiral Nimitz occasionally requests his Aide to ascertain the meaning of certain abbreviations. (Office, Chief of Naval Operations).

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DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL INTERVIEWS

THE PRESIDENT

Pursuant to an interview with Captain E. B. Grantham, Aide to Admiral Leahy, Captain Grantham queried Admiral Leahy on his reaction to the CIG summaries. Admiral Leahy said that they are entirely satisfactory and that he had no special comment to make. Captain Grantham said that Admiral Leahy's opinion could be accepted as the opinion of the President on this point.

SECRETARY OF STATE

Mr. J. Borden Reams, Assistant to the Secretary, and Mr. Bromley Smith, Information Officer, Office of the Secretary, were interviewed jointly. They stated that in their opinion CIG is doing a good job on the Daily and Weekly Summaries. Most of the material in the summaries is State Department material and, consequently, is not new to them. They are especially interested in any items which originate outside the State Department.

Mr. Reams and Mr. Smith said that sometimes they see information in the CIG Daily Summary sooner than it is made available to them through normal State Department channels. For example, Military Attache Reports are frequently briefed in the CIG Daily Summary in advance of receipt of the same information through State Department channels.

They stated that, in their opinion, CIG briefers are sometimes unable to evaluate properly the weight to be given information emanating from various State Department sources; that because of their long experience with certain sources, State Department briefers are better qualified in this respect and may discount, to a greater or less degree, reports received from these sources. Mr. Reams and Mr. Smith said that they are confident that in the course of time the CIG briefers will become well qualified in this regard.

Mr. Reams and Mr. Smith are the only persons in the Office of the Secretary of State who read the summaries. Occasionally special items in the summaries are called to the attention of the Secretary. The Secretary normally obtains his information regarding items appearing in the CIG Summaries through State Department publications which are based on the same source material as is used in the CIG Summaries.

SECRETARY OF WAR

Lieut. Colonel John K. Waters, Aide to the Secretary of War, states that the Secretary reads the CIG Summaries regularly and apparently with considerable interest. The Secretary has made no comment but has given every indication that he is well pleased with the summaries. He said that the Secretary seems to take the view that "This is it" and that there is no need for Colonel Waters to screen dispatches and furnish the Secretary other material.

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SECRETARY OF NAVY

Captain R. L. Dennison, ACNO/Political Military Affairs, screens the CIG Summaries for the Secretary of Navy. He stated that the Secretary apparently is well pleased with the summaries. Frequently the Secretary asks Captain Dennison to obtain additional information regarding items appearing in the Daily. Captain Henry C. Bruton, Aide to Admiral Nimitz, also stated that he understands that the Secretary likes the summaries very much.

CHIEF OF STAFF TO COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Captain E. B. Grantham, Admiral Leahy's Aide, stated that he has followed the CIG Summaries closely since their inception. He stated that he likes the summaries just as they are now prepared. He volunteered to consult Admiral Leahy and when interviewed on the second occasion, Captain Grantham stated that Admiral Leahy is entirely satisfied with the summaries. He stated further that Admiral Leahy's views could be accepted as those of the President.

Captain Grantham pointed out that the Daily Summaries do not contain the very top level information such as General Marshall's reports. He is of the opinion that such information is properly excluded from the summaries.

He said that he flags certain items in the summaries for the attention of Admiral Leahy. The Admiral always calls on Captain Grantham to produce the original complete dispatch. Captain Grantham said that insofar as usefulness to his office is concerned, the summaries lose their value inasmuch as he has to furnish the Admiral the complete dispatch.

It appears to Captain Grantham that the concept of the summaries has changed somewhat from their beginning. Whereas originally the principal purpose of the Daily Summary was to keep the President informed and the secondary purpose to inform the Secretaries of State, War and Navy, it appears to him that in view of the dissemination of these summaries, they are now designed as much for the benefit of the planners as for the President's information. In explaining this point, he said that he gets this reaction not from any change in the substance or style but entirely from the fact that the summaries are disseminated to various headquarters staff offices. He said that he does not object to the present dissemination but that he feels rather strongly that the dissemination should not be extended further.

Captain Grantham commented on Drew Pearson's column on 3 December 1946 and suggested that some consideration might be given to the possible desirability of including in the Daily Summary, for the information of the President, some statement as to whether or not the top secret cable which allegedly was quoted verbatim in the column was an exact quote; also, that such additional comment on the incident as might be deemed to be of interest to the President be included. Captain Grantham said the aforementioned thought had occurred to him but that he had serious doubts as to whether the CIG Daily Summary is the proper medium for bringing such information to the attention of the President.

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CHIEF OF STAFF, ARMY

Colonel J. W. Bowen, Secretary of the General Staff, stated that the Chief of Staff looks upon the CIG Summaries as a very fine and valuable intelligence service. Colonel Bowen said that these publications are entirely satisfactory as they are now prepared. He stated that special items are flagged for the attention of General Eisenhower and that normally he does not read the entire publication, although he may do so if his work load is such as to permit it. General Handy reads the summaries regularly and in their entirety. It is one of the first things that he looks at each morning. ✓

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

Captain Henry C. Bruton, Aide to Admiral Nimitz, stated that Admiral Nimitz and Admiral Ramsey read the summaries regularly and apparently are entirely satisfied with them. Captain Bruton said that he is greatly impressed by the conciseness and the brevity of the Daily Summaries and he recommended that they not be allowed to grow too lengthy. Captain Bruton said that occasionally there is an abbreviation in a summary which is not readily understood and that Admiral Nimitz requests him to ascertain the meanings of some abbreviations. Captain Bruton stated further that he understands that the Secretary of Navy likes the summaries very much.

COMMANDING GENERAL, ARMY AIR FORCES

Colonel Thomas C. Musgrave, Jr., Executive to General Spaatz, considers the summaries to be very good. He said he is quite sure that the only comment that General Spaatz might make would be that some items are not very important. General Spaatz used to read the entire summary but now Colonel Musgrave flags the important items for his attention.

PLANS AND OPERATIONS DIVISION, W.D.G.S.

Lieut. Colonel John Steele, Executive to Director, P&O, stated that although most of the source dispatches which are briefed in the CIG Daily Summaries are reviewed in his office, he is glad to receive these summaries and that he definitely would not want to be without them. He said that the summaries provide a very good selection of items, that the presentation is good and that they furnish a concise picture of what is happening on a current basis. He said that General Horstad sometimes reads the entire publication but that generally he reads only those items which are flagged for his attention. Pursuant to the interview with Colonel Steele, he spoke to General Horstad, General William M. Arnold and Colonel Robert J. Hood, who also read the summaries, and, when contacted later, Colonel Steele said that these officers are all satisfied with the CIG summaries and have no recommendations to make.

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DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS (OPERATIONS)

Captain R. L. Dennison, ACNO/Politico Military Affairs, was interviewed. His first comment was that occasionally, but infrequently, the cardinal point in a dispatch is obscured as presented in the briefed version in the CIG Daily Summary. He expressed the opinion that this may be due to the CIG briefers not being fully familiar with an entire chain of dispatches.

Captain Dennison said that each dispatch is presented as an isolated item and that there is no continuity. He said that continuity might be achieved by either giving a brief summary of the preceding message on the topic or showing developments in the Weekly Summary. In connection with the suggestion that a brief summary of the preceding messages be included with an item, Captain Dennison said that although the CIG Daily Summary sometimes refers back to a preceding day's summary, the files are not readily available for reference purposes.

Captain Dennison said that the big problem seems to be the unevenness of the importance of items in the summaries. He suggested that it might be well to divide the Daily Summary into two sections, one containing items of outstanding immediate importance and the other items which simply have a significant bearing on trends. He also suggested that it might be desirable to highlight certain items appearing in the Weekly Summaries.

Captain Dennison suggested that consideration be given to having special sections in the Weekly Summaries under general headings such as Latin America, Russia, Outstanding Developments at Meetings of the United Nations, etc.

Captain Dennison said that he realized that he was talking like a perfectionist. He said that despite the comments he had made, he nevertheless considered the summaries to be valuable as they are now prepared. Captain Dennison reviews the summaries for Secretary Forrestal. He stated that the Secretary has commented on the summaries very favorably.

Captain Dennison stated further that he has been particularly impressed by the excellence of some of the CIG Special Studies.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-6

Colonel E. J. Rogers, Chief, Policy Division, stated that he is better acquainted with the CIG Summaries than anyone else in the Office of AC/AS-6. He considers the Daily Summaries as excellent. He has been greatly impressed by the CIG briefers' ability to compress the essence of lengthy messages within a few lines. He himself has access to and reviews much of the source material and feels that the CIG selectivity of items for the summaries is very fine. He said that he admires the style in the CIG Summaries and has tried to follow this style in some of his own work.

Colonel Rogers is of the opinion that some of the articles in the Weekly are too long.

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Colonel Rogers stated that General Kissner and General Ritchie also read the summaries but that they have been doing so for only a few weeks due to the fact that they have been in their present assignments for only a short time.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY
OF STATE FOR RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Acting Deputy to the Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Research and Intelligence, thinks that the Daily Summary is an excellent publication. He said that it is purely factual, as it should be, and does not attempt any interpretation of the dispatches which are briefed. He likes the concise manner in which the material is presented.

Mr. Armstrong considers that sometimes it would be well to highlight a particularly important item, giving such an item fuller treatment as, for example, by furnishing information on the background or setting of the reported situation.

Mr. Armstrong stated that the CIG Daily Summaries are valuable as a check against the State Department's summarizations of the same source material.

Mr. Armstrong said that the CIG Weekly Summaries are in a somewhat evolutionary state and that he is confident they will develop into a highly useful publication. He suggested that it might be better to make them genuine weeklies, concentrating on the events of the week. He said that in his opinion reader interest is somewhat dulled by reason of the fact that most of the articles in the weekly are concerned with Communism and that many readers have become somewhat tired of reading so much about Communism.

Mr. Armstrong considers the CIG Special Studies as very fine products.

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, WDOS

Colonel Carter Clarke, Deputy Director, expressed the view that the Daily Summaries serve no useful purpose to his office inasmuch as all dispatches which serve as sources of items in the summaries are reviewed in their entirety by the Intelligence Division. The Weekly Summaries, however, he considers as excellent and of substantial benefit to his office. Colonel Clarke advised that General Chamberlain had no comment to offer at this time.

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

Commodore Charles Rend, Deputy Chief of Naval Intelligence, considers the Daily Summaries as very useful. He had no suggestions of any changes. He stated that although his office receives most or all of the source dispatches which are briefed in the Daily Summaries, these summaries are extremely helpful in assuring that the important items are not overlooked among the great volume of dispatches and they are helpful in digesting these dispatches.

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which are of principal importance.

Commodore Rend states that, in his opinion, some of the articles in the Weekly are a little too long. He suggested that it might be desirable to head up the individual articles by a brief synopsis of the contents.

Captain Harry W. Baltazzi, Special Assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Intelligence, concurred in the comments by Commodore Rend. In ONI the summaries are read by Admiral Inglis, Commodore Rend, Captain Baltazzi, and four chiefs of areas. In the divisions covering certain areas, the source dispatches are used to work up ONI summaries and intelligence. The chief of the area reads the CIG Summaries of dispatches. Captain Baltazzi stated that sometimes chiefs of areas have noted differences in highlighting of the principal point of dispatches as indicated by the CIG Summaries, when compared with the ONI Summaries. In such cases consultation is had by ONI representatives with appropriate representatives of CIG.

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF AIR STAFF-2

Brig. General John A. Samford, Deputy AC/AS-2, stated that the CIG Daily Summaries are good intelligence information but that they are not oriented toward anything and are of little value in and of themselves. General Samford discussed at some length the fact that the items in the Daily Summary are not aimed in any special direction and do not indicate the establishment of any trends or confirm or alter information on existing trends except when the items of information are worked into an intelligence appreciation by the recipient.

General Samford expressed the view that it would be very difficult for CIG to interpret and analyze items of information in the Daily Summary in such a way that State, War, Navy and Air would each be furnished with the emphasis and interpretation that would be of special value to the individual departments. He illustrated this by saying that recently A-2 worked up an estimate with respect to Russia in which Air Forces emphasis was on the prospects of Russia being able to stockpile certain scientific equipment. This estimate was subsequently reworked in CIG and the ensuing product laid a different emphasis, giving very little attention to the stockpiling factor.

General Samford went on to comment on difficulties encountered in joint efforts by Army Air and Navy Air working in collaboration to develop air intelligence. He said that whereas sometimes the A-2 and the Navy Intelligence people can reach a common agreement, frequently because of the differences in point of view as based on background, training, and department interests, it is impossible to avoid coming up with split reports.

General Samford also commented on the fact that A-2 is in a position to work in close integration with the air planners and can tell how an item of intelligence information may have a particular bearing on existing plans.

Maj. General George C. McDonald was interviewed subsequent to the interview with General Samford. General Samford briefed General McDonald on what he had said and General McDonald indicated his concurrence therein.

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General McDonald said that in general he is pleased with the summaries as they are now presented and that he believes that as time goes on they will develop into even better products. He suggested that it might be well to comment in the Daily Summary on how a particular item of information fits in with information previously received; also, to furnish some information on individuals who are the subjects of items in the summaries, such as comment on whether the individual's present words or acts coincide or conflict with previous words or acts; also, in some cases, comment on whether the individual reported on is a strong personality.

General McDonald said that he considered the survey on this subject a fine thing, and that henceforth readers of the summaries will examine them with a more critical eye and will be able to furnish more constructive comments when they are interviewed during a later survey.

Colonel James F. Olive, Chief, Air Intelligence Division, AC/AS-2, stated that he considers the Daily and Weekly Summaries as very fine products just as they are now prepared. He said that the Dailies are entirely satisfactory as an overall presentation of highly significant information. He expressed the view that the items in the Daily reports should not be pointed at anything in particular.

Colonel Olive said that items which relate to a specific area are read by the A-2 personnel who are particularly concerned with that area and, where appropriate, are used in the preparation of intelligence studies on the area.

OFFICE DISTRIBUTION OF SUMMARIES

Official Recipients

Readers

Secretary of State

Secretary of State, Mr. J. Borden Reams
(Ass't to the Secretary), Mr. Bromley
Smith (Information Officer, Office of
Secretary, Dept. of State).

Secretary of War

Secretary of War, Lt. Col. John K.
Waters (Aide).

Secretary of Navy

Secretary of Navy, Captain R. L.
Dennison (ACNO/Politico Military Affairs).

Chief of Staff to Commander
in Chief

Admiral Leahy, Captain E. B. Grantham
(Aide), Commander F. L. Pinney (Aide).

Chief of Staff, Army

General Eisenhower, General Handy, Col.
J. W. Bowen (Secretary, General Staff),
Major R. M. Horridge (Ass't to Secretary,
General Staff).

Chief of Naval Operations

Admiral Nimitz, Admiral Ramsey, Capt.
H. C. Bruton (Aide).

Commanding General, Army Air Forces

General Spaatz, Colonel Thomas C.
Kusgrave, Jr. (Executive to CG, AAF).

Director of Plans & Operations, WDCS

General Norstad, General Arnold, Col.
R. J. Wood (Executive to Gen. Lincoln),
Lt. Col. John Steele (Executive to
Director, P&O).

DCNO (Operations)

Admiral Sherman, Captain R. L. Dennison
(ACNO/Politico Military Affairs) and 3
other high ranking officers.

AC/AS - 5

General Kissner, General Rittenie, Col.
E. J. Rogers (Chief, Policy Division).

Spec. Ass't to Secretary of State
for Research & Intelligence

Colonel Eddy, Mr. W. P. Armstrong
(Acting Deputy to Col. Eddy) and 5 other
high ranking officials.

Dir. of Intelligence, WDCS

General Chamberlin, Colonel Clarke,
Colonel Solomon, Colonel Michels, Colonel
Ennis; chiefs of areas are furnished
abstracts of pertinent items on their
areas.

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Official Recipients

Office of Naval Intelligence

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Readers

Admiral Inglis, Commodore Rend, Capt.
H. W. Baltazzi (Spec. Ass't to Deputy
Chief of Naval Intelligence), and 4 heads
of areas.

General McDonald, General Sanford, Col.
James Olive (Chief, Air Intelligence
Division), and officers on pertinent
area desks.

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